



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hacienda La Puente Unified Community,

This month, we welcomed our students back to campuses for the 2023-24 school year. Our schools were filled with joy as teachers and staff held detailed onboarding presentations and fun-filled collaborative activities, acquainting students with their classrooms, teachers and curriculum.

The first day of school on Aug. 9 was a celebration across the District. Our students walked through balloon arches and down red carpets, leading them to band performances, hand-painted banners across campuses and dancing school mascots. Please visit our District [YouTube channel](#) to watch a video recapping our festivities.

In August, we also welcomed families to campuses for our annual Back-to-School Nights, providing parents with principal introductions, teacher presentations, classroom tours and expectations for the new school year. The events will continue throughout September and will conclude with Workman High School's Back-to-School night on Thursday, Sept. 21.

We continued our District collaboration with a Site Based Leadership meeting on Aug. 28, where HLPUSD administrators and school leadership teams shared and analyzed data from each school site and collectively created an action plan to ensure deep learning every day.

HLPUSD is committed to creating an environment where every student feels welcome and our families feel heard. This year, we are committed to continuing to find creative ways to embrace our differences and highlight the voices within our community. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share feedback with us during our virtual community meetings and completed the input survey regarding the possible school reconfiguration beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

Lastly, I want to remind our District community that September is Suicide Prevention Month. Please keep a lookout for various mental health documents, virtual meetings and other informational messages designed to support our students and families sent via our parent/teacher notification system – ParentSquare.

The school year is already off to a fantastic start. I look forward to seeing our students and staff continue to engage, experience and connect throughout the school year!

As always, we are **#ProudtobeHLPUSD**.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alfonso Jiménez
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Superintendent



Students, Staff Rejoice at Start of 2023-24 School Year



Fairgrove Academy students walk down the red carpet to greet teachers, staff and the Falcon mascot before the start of the first day of school on Aug. 9.

The energy was electric as Hacienda La Puente Unified students were ushered onto campus with friendly cheers from teachers and staff, motivational speeches, musical performances and lively welcome rallies to celebrate the first day of school on Aug. 9.

Across the District, each high school campus varied its celebrations to match their school spirit. The District's elementary and middle schools welcomed families onto campus to take photos with mascots and decorated backdrops, help students find their classes and meet their new principals and teachers.

"I am so excited to start this new school, see all my friends and meet my new teacher," third-grader Etta Houston said. "I love school and math so much and I am ready to learn new things."

Hacienda La Puente Unified is expanding its programs and Career Technical Education pathways (CTE) across the District this school year. All four comprehensive high schools will incorporate the speech and debate program into their curriculum and all fifth-grade classes will participate in the dance program, Conga Kids. The Youth Cinema Project program and Graphic Production Technologies CTE pathway will now be available to La Puente High School students. Glen A. Wilson High School is also introducing its highly successful medical program, Biotechnology, as a new CTE pathway.

[Click here](#) to read more!

La Puente High School Celebrates New Weight and Workout Room with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

The La Puente High School community celebrated the completion of the modernized weight and workout room with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Aug. 31. The renovated space will assist student-athletes throughout the school year and provide all students with a safe space to stay active and make healthy choices.

The renovated fitness center, supported by District funds, includes new paint, flooring, lighting, windows and doors. The updated facility is also equipped with state-of-the-art weight and workout equipment, including various weight racks and plates, benches and more.

The weight and workout room project joins the school's pool, kitchen and locker room project, which was completed in September 2022.

"Thank you to our Board of Education, Business Services Department and facilities teams for bringing this beautiful project to fruition," Principal Dr. Lisa Lopez said. "This weight and workout room has already instilled so much pride into our students, assisted our fall student-athletes and physical education classes and elevated the overall look of our campus."



La Puente High School ninth-grade students tour the modernized weight and workout room with Principal Dr. Lopez (center) during P.E. on Aug. 25.

Glen A. Wilson High School Ranked Amongst Best in Nation

Hacienda La Puente Unified's Glen A. Wilson High School has been listed among the top-performing public schools in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2023-24 Best High Schools rankings, released on Aug. 29. According to the report, Glen A. Wilson earned a spot in the top four percent of schools, with more than 17,500 schools ranked.

The standings were calculated by six ranking indicators: college readiness, college curriculum breadth, state assessment proficiency, state assessment performance, underserved student performance and graduation rate. This year's methodology showed that Wilson Wildcats students demonstrated outstanding outcomes above expectations in math, reading and science state assessments, earned qualifying scores in various college-level exams, and graduated in high proportions. Glen A. Wilson High School is home to six Career Technical Education Pathways, an outstanding athletics program and more than 50 clubs, including its award-winning Science Olympiad and robotics team.



Hacienda La Puente Unified's Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez celebrate top-performing scholars during Glen A. Wilson's Class of 2023 Senior Night on May 11.

Please visit the U.S. News & World Report's webpage for more information about this year's methodology and visit the state rankings webpage to read more about Glen A. Wilson High School's scores.

I believe Wilson's consistent recognition as a Best High School by US News and World Report can be best attributed to our staff members' belief in our students and our schoolwide commitment to support our students in reaching their potential, not just in academia, but also their social emotional well-being," Principal Dr. Danielle Kenfield said. "With

input from our educational partners, parents, students, staff, advisory groups and community members, every decision is guided by our commitment to prepare our students for a successful transition to college and/or career after high school graduation. Our ability to design and implement programs specific to the interests and needs of our students would not be possible without the support of our HLPUSD Board of Education and Superintendent, Dr. Alfonso Jiménez.

Los Altos, La Puente and Workman high schools all ranked in the top 1/3 of high schools in the nation.

Annual Club Rush Stirs Up Excitement at Los Altos High

Los Altos High School students flocked around decorated tables filled with colorful displays to hear peer testimonials, explore their interests, and come together as a school community during Club Rush Day on Aug. 25.

During the event, students from each grade level walked around the quad and signed up for the clubs, sports and extracurricular activities that were right for them. Club leaders also had a blast inviting students to their tables, handing out free stickers and flyers and showcasing their work through various interactive demonstrations.

The clubs varied from the Health Occupations Students of America group, the Little Miss Coders team and the Science Olympiad squad to the theater troupe, journalism committee and audio-visual club.

"Los Altos High School has one of the most well-rounded school experiences a student can have," Principal Jeff Hess said. "Our abundance of activities, clubs,



Students in the "Little Miss Coders" club welcome their peers to scan the QR code, grab a sticker and hear more about their plans for the 2023-24 school year during Club Rush Day on Aug. 25.

athletics, performing arts, and career technical programs are extensive, and we quite literally have something for everyone. If you know students and families who are not in HLPUSD, and you want to come here, we welcome anyone

with open arms."

Los Altos High School will continue its community activities with a student-led Flea Market held during lunch on Friday, Sept. 15.

Workman High School Embraces School Community, Celebrates Athletic Achievements



Workman High School's plant manager Cindy Contreras (center) celebrates being named Employee of the Year with staff on Aug. 28



WOHS students sign their names on the Lobos rock, a rite of passage for seniors at Workman High School.

Workman High School (WOHS) wrapped up its first month of instruction with various events promoting collaboration throughout the community and celebrating the accomplishments of students and staff. Students gathered for their annual senior sunrise, participating in fun-filled activities with their classmates and reminiscing about their time at Workman High School. As part of the festivities, seniors could place

their handprints and sign their names on the famous Lobos rock, a longtime tradition at WOHS. Students and staff continued their festivities, working together to create banners and plan a surprise celebration to honor plant manager Cindy Contreras, where she was greeted with a standing ovation and named Employee of the Year on Aug. 28. Principal Tim Espinosa also welcomed

families to attend the school's Coffee with the Principal and Parent Pack meeting on Aug. 31, where he discussed important updates, resources and goals for the 2023-24 school year. The school community also showed up continuously to cheer on the Lobos football team, cheerleaders, band and color guard as they began their league and competition seasons.

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Reminders

HLPUSD is Hiring!

Hacienda La Puente Unified is committed to recruiting the best individuals who help promote a culture of teamwork, fairness and an environment dedicated to student success.

The District is currently accepting applications for the Transportation Training Supervisor position and continues to seek additional part-time Bus Drivers, Instructional Aids, Cafeteria Workers, Language Assessment Technicians and Child Development Technicians to join the HLPUSD family.

Please visit the District's career [website](#) to learn more and apply today!



Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Reminders

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND PROOF OF VACCINATION NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: The in-person/virtual Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the District Office, 15959 East Gale Ave., City of Industry. For more information on the Board agenda, how to address the board and access the meeting, please visit <https://www.hlpuschools.org/board>.

Hacienda La Puente Unified encourages the community to stay-up-to-date with our Board meetings, including our school site and Bond improvement updates and HLPUSD celebrations. Please visit the Board of Education [webpage](#) to catch up on our District successes.



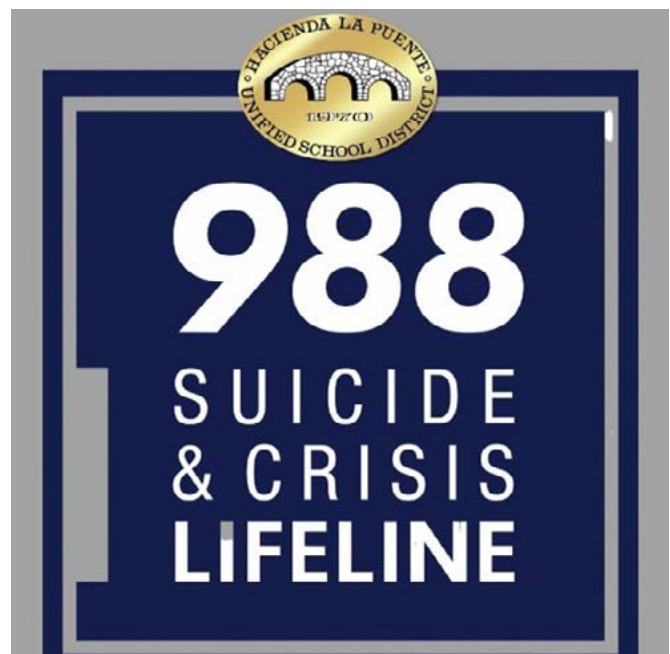
The graphic features the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District logo at the top left. Below it is a yellow gavel icon. The text "BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING" is prominently displayed in white and yellow. Below that, "BOARD OF EDUCATION" is written in white. At the bottom, "Bond/School Improvements and HLPUSD Celebrations!" is written in yellow, accompanied by a yellow party horn icon with confetti.

REMINDER: 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, Hacienda La Puente Unified wants to remind the District community that the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is available 24/7 via phone and chat.

The resource provides free and confidential support for people who are experiencing or affected by mental health crises to get immediate, life-saving help from trained operators to support their safety and well-being.

Please visit the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline website to learn more!



The graphic features the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District logo at the top center. Below it, the number "988" is written in large white font. Underneath, "SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE" is written in white capital letters. The entire graphic is set against a dark blue background with a white border.

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Reminders

College and Career Fair

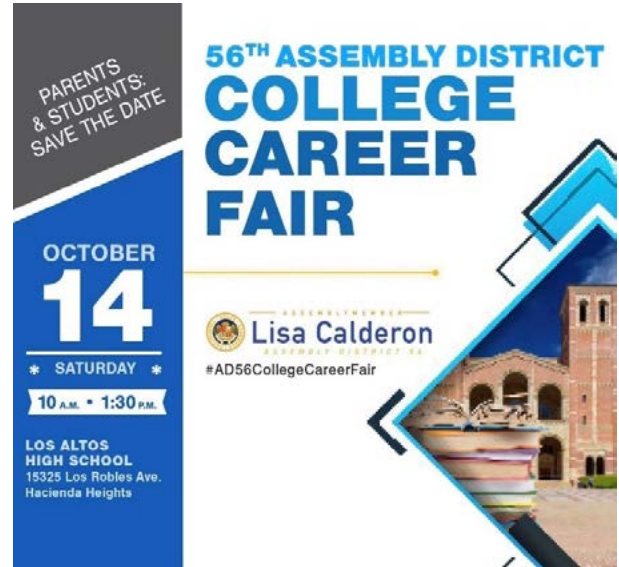
Assemblymember Lisa Calderon has partnered with Hacienda La Puente Unified for the 2023 College and Career Fair, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Los Altos High School, 15325 Los Robles Ave., Hacienda Heights.

The annual fair provides students and families access to information on community colleges, Cal State and UC schools, private and out-of-state universities and career technical education programs.

The event will also include break-out rooms and workshops covering various topics that prepare students for their future.

In addition, high school seniors are encouraged to participate in the District College & Career Fair Writing Contest for the chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

[Click here](#) for more information.



HLP Adult Education Classes

Registration is now open for Hacienda La Puente Adult Education (HLP AE), featuring new and returning courses, additional classes and three new locations – including online!

HLP AE's 2023-24 curriculum includes various free classes to assist adult students with their college and career endeavors, help English language learners and prepare them for their citizenship interviews and more!

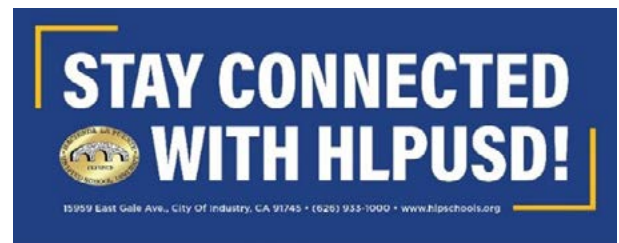
Please visit HLP AE's registration [webpage](#) to fill out the questionnaire and get started



Stay Connected with HLPUSD

Hacienda La Puente Unified is proud to offer various communication methods for our teachers, staff and District to stay connected with our families.

Click [here](#) to watch an English and Spanish video tutorial, demonstrating the downloading process and significance of each resource.



District & School Websites

The District and each school have a website featuring important dates, announcements, celebrations, Board of Education meeting information and much more.

www.hlpschools.org



YouTube

The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District YouTube channel is an excellent resource for watching our HLPUSD Board meetings, District showcase videos and is the home to our annual State of the District award presentations.



Social Media

Follow our social media platforms to stay up-to-date on our student, staff and District success stories, resources and upcoming events.

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